

### **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing processed  $\beta$ -conglycinin protein which comprises heating a solution or paste containing  $\beta$ -conglycinin protein whose  $\beta$ -conglycinin content is 40% by weight or more in the protein at higher than 75°C but lower than 160°C under acidic conditions.

2. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the acidic conditions are those at pH 4.0 to 5.6.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented)  $\beta$ -Conglycinin protein having solubility of 70% or less in a neutral solution which is obtained by the process according to claim 1.

5. (Original) A food comprising  $\beta$ -conglycinin protein according to claim 4.

6. (Previously presented)  $\beta$ -Conglycinin protein having solubility of 70% or less in a neutral solution which is obtained by the process according to claim 2.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) A food comprising  $\beta$ -conglycinin protein according to claim 6.

9. (Cancelled)